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REMARKS

1. Between 26 January and 9 February 1954, the Richthofen Kaserne and NSKK Kaserne at Doeberitz seemed to be heavily occupied by air force soldiers with pilot insignia. Colonel Ivanov (fnu), who allegedly was on furlough in the USSR at the beginning of February 1954, was the commanding officer and was quartered in the barracks installations. Major Lyonov (fnu) appeared to have some connection with the German workers. Every day, basic training was given to groups of 6 to 8 men and to platoons of about 30 men without weapons on the barracks yards. Groups of soldiers of varying strength, and carrying books, were observed going to lessons. A portion of the soldiers also received practical training in the workshops. Trucks were observed in the yard of the Richthofen Kaserne. The airfield was not occupied.¹

2. Between 5 and 15 February, the Richthofen Kaserne and the NSKK Kaserne in Doeberitz were still heavily occupied by air force soldiers, including mostly young soldiers with close cropped hair. They drilled in groups and platoons. The soldiers occasionally practiced with gas masks. Colonel Ivanov (fnu) who had returned from the USSR was again billeted at the barracks installation.

The airfield was unoccupied.²

3. On 6 February, the airfield was still unoccupied. No radio installation could be observed by source from the road leading to Priort west of the field. Two white wires suspended from permanent poles extended via the railroad line. Air force soldiers armed with carbines were posted at the guardhouse in front of Richthofen Kaserne were observed moving through the entrance gate.

4. On 9 February, Major Kruiyevoi (fnu) was in his office at the field. Work was being done in the workshops and the sound of engines could be heard from the engine test stand. Two in-line engines without packing cases and 5 gray-blue crates, each about 2.5 meters long, 1.2 meters high and 1.5 meters wide, were stored along the spur track near the workshops. the

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crates were full. The officers and EM of the workshops were quartered in 4 three-story brick buildings and 2 large three-story brick buildings south of Herold Platz. Major Kraiyevoi was also billeted here. The quartering buildings were surrounded by a wooden fence, about 2 meters high. An air force sentry armed with a submachine gun was recently posted at the gate at the road leading to Elstal. [] the quartering buildings were heavily occupied. A portion of the personnel assigned to the workshops was allegedly quartered in a building at the northeastern side of the field. Major Kraiyevoi was responsible for the workshops, the quartering buildings south of Herold Platz, and the AA gun emplacements.²

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5. On 9 February, [] auditor Lyonov (fnu) was in headquarters building No 19. There was intensive activity in the quartering area of the Richthofen Kaserne and the NSKK Kaserne. The only entrance to the barracks area was near buildings Nos 18 and 19 where an air force sentry was posted.¹
6. The quartering buildings of the former motor vehicle training unit seemed to be fully occupied on 9 February. Auditor Nuzhnykh (fnu) who was billeted in building No 60 was still responsible for the buildings of the former motor vehicle training unit, the headquarters building on Thaelmann Platz and the former artillery equipment park. On 10 February, an air force sentry armed with a pistol was posted at the gate leading to the artillery equipment park. Inside the area which was surrounded by a barbed wire and wood fence, air force soldiers were loading large and small crates on three trucks. The crates were of various sizes but apparently did not contain engines.³
7. On 9 February, no aircraft were observed on the entire airfield. The AA gun emplacements were occupied by 37-mm AA guns and operating personnel. Some of the personnel moved between the emplacements and the hangars. [] the personnel were quartered not only in the earth bunkers near the emplacements, but possibly also in the annexes to the hangars.⁴

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1. [] Comment. A previous report [] contained concordant information on activity by members of the air technical school of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army in Doeberitz. [] Colonel Ivanov is reported for the first time. Major Lyonov is the supply officer and auditor of the units of the air technical school quartered in the Richthofen Kaserne and the NSKK Kaserne which are located adjacent to each other.

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2. [] Comment. Major Kraiyevoi is supply officer and auditor of Repair Shop [] whose workshops are located in the northeastern corner of Doeberitz airfield. It is believed that the unit repairs jet engines of the units of the Northern Ftr Corps. Major Kraiyevoi also supplies the AA units at the field.

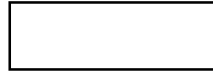
3. [] Comment. Major Nuzhnykh is the supply officer and auditor of the ordnance depot in the former artillery equipment park at Doeberitz. The depot probably supplies the units of the ground attack corps [] The personnel of the depot are quartered in the easternmost section of the barracks installation which formerly housed the German motor vehicle training unit. The headquarters on Thaelmann Platz possibly is the headquarters of the technical division (ATD) of the ground attack corps. Although the ground attack corps headquarters is now stationed in Finsterwalde, the headquarters of the ATD probably remained in Doeberitz/Elstal, as this location is apparently more favorable for the supply of the ground attack regiments.

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4. Comment. At present, only two AA gun emplacements exist at Doeberitz airfield. The emplacement in the western section of the field is occupied by 6 x 37-mm AA guns and the emplacement in the eastern section is occupied by 4 x 37-mm AA guns. The personnel of the AA units are probably quartered at Doeberitz airfield.

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